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ARRESTS CONTINUE

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1. WEEKEND JULY 17 WAS QUIET IN PRETORIA, JOHANNESBURG, AND SURROUNDING TOWNSHIPS. POLICE WERE AND REMAIN ON STANDBY RIOT ALERT. ALTHOUGH IMMEDIATE ISSUE OF SCHOOLS CHILDREN HELD BY POLICE RESOLVED JULY 16 AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, CANCELLATION OF NUMBERS CULTURAL EVENTS DUE TO BAN ALL UNAUTHORIZED OPEN AIR GATHERINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA ADDED TO FRUSTRATION AMONG BLACKS. UNEASINESS INCREASED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ONE YEAR APPLICATION OF PREVENTIVE DETENTION SECTION OF INTERNAL SECURITY BILL IN TRANSVAAL.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BLACK PEOPLES CONVENTION (BPC)
HAS PLEDGED TO INTENSIFY "THE STRUGGLE FOR TOTAL LIBERATION
OF THE BLACK MASSES IN SOUTH AFRICA." STATEMENT FOLLOWS
JULY 15 DETENTION OF BPC PRESIDENT KEN RACHIDI, PERMANENT
ORGANIZING SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS MOVE-
MENT (SASM, THE YOUTH BRANCH OF SASO) MR. ZWELI SIZANI,
SASO REGIONAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER MR TSIETSI MASHANINI, WITH
STUDENTS MISS NAGUATA MOLEFE AND MR. DAVID KUTUMELA.

3. SOWETO: COMMITTEE OF 30 REPRESENTING JOHANNESBURG
TOWNSHIP BLACKS IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH DEPUTY MINISTER
OF BANTU AFFAIRS W.A. CRUYWAGEN JULY 21 TO DISCUSS URBAN
AFRICAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO HOMELANDS. DELEGATION REPORTEDLY
TO INSIST THAT URBAN AFRICANS AND OFFSPRING NOT BE CONSIDERED
AS HOMELAND CITIZENS EXCEPT BY VOLUNTARY ADHESION.

4. VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS OF FORT HARE UNIVERSITY ONLY SIGNIFICANT
UNREST DURING WEEKEND JULY 17 (CAPE TOWN 862). APPROXIMATELY 150
STUDENTS ALLEGEDLY SET FIRE TO AND STONED BUILDINGS. NO INJURIES
REPORTED. ACTING RECTOR PROFESSOR A. COETZEE ANNOUNCED CLOSING
OF UNIVERSITY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
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